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PROPAGATION FORECAST: June 8, Low Normal; June 9, 10, 11, High Normal; June 12, Above/High Normal; June 13, Above Normal; June 14, Above/High Normal; June 15, 16, 17, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

COCOS/KEELING: VK9CCT has been on briefly again the last couple of weeks, around 12-1300, sometimes on 14195 and other times above 14200. Advance notice of these operations is not possible, due to the military nature of the flights to Cocos which take hams there. VK5QX or others may show on 20 Meters the day before an operation is possible but even then it is not known if the operation will take place until the VK9 station appears. A full article on this appeared here last October 31.

MACAO: KP2A will be operating from CR9 Macao, the last stop according to his schedule published in Issue 31, right now. He likes 15 Meters when it is open and works CW 26-27 KHz up from the band edges, listening up three. 10 Meters would be another band to watch; it has been open from the US East Coast long Path to Japan at 12-1400 UTC recently.

SOUTHERN SUDAN: Charles Frost, K5LBU/STØ (see BANDPASS) expects his assignment in S. Sudan to last at least one year. He is running a 25 watt transmitter. Apparently does not work CW and operates phone primarily in the Advanced class US bands.

GUINEA: LA5KC/3X (Issue 40, p. 3) had permission to work on the amateur bands to talk back home to Norway during his recent visit to Guinea. The climate there is not good for outsiders, especially those carrying radios. LA5KC expects to return to Guinea in the future but has no idea when.

SUDAN AND SOUTHERN SUDAN: 6T1YP is being operated by OH2BCP and is a station sponsored in part by the Northern California DX Foundation (see Issue 34). OH2BCP is expected to operate briefly from S. Sudan STØ after he secures the operation in Khartoum. OH2BH may be along for that part of the show, also.

KINGMAN REEF: QSLs for WA2FIJ/KH5K were shipped from the printer the third week of May and should be going into the mail to DXers shortly. K6LPL/KH5 Palmyra QSLs started to turn up last week.

DXCC STATUS for S8, H5 and 7J1 may be decided shortly following recommendations expected to come from the Advisory Committee shortly.

TN8AJ reportedly will return home to E. Germany in August but expects to be back in the Congo in the autumn. His operating time is extremely limited.

(more news P. 5)

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DESECHEO The letter regarding Desecheo printed in Issue 39 brought responses from two members of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee, including the committee chairman. To put things in perspective, Desecheo's country status was announced in QST August, 1979, effective March 1, 1979; shortly thereafter an operation was mounted by a half-dozen operators lead by KP4AM, Dave Novoa. The QST announcement did state that "This action precedes the changes in the DXCC rules concerning separate administrations and entities." That is to say, it was known that the portion of the DXCC rules addressed by the letter in Issue 39, Countries List Criteria #1, was going to be changed, but Desecheo slipped in under the wire. It was the last of many entities which appear on the present DXCC list but fail the present criteria.

"With regard to the letter from an irate, misinformed DXer concerning the Desecheo matter, maybe the following will briefly explain a couple of basic points.

1) The DXAC (nor) ARRL did not bend any rules in allowing Desecheo for DXCC country status. On the contrary, many months of various legal inputs were discussed through proper channels and the situation was an allowance based on Rule 3, since there is separation of Desecheo from the Virgin Islands by a foreign DXCC country (KP4).

2) Puerto Rico is a commonwealth freely associated with the United States by virtue of plebiscite, whereas the Virgin Islands are owned by the USA, having been purchased outright from Denmark. Desecheo and the Virgin Islands are administered by the US Department of the Interior. The majority of legally binding evidence shows that Desecheo is not considered a part of nor administered by Puerto Rico and hence the separation by a "foreign" country.

3) A "foreign country" under Rule 3 does not refer strictly to a politically different entity but has in the past also been used when different "DXCC countries" are at issue. No one argues that KL7 and KH6 are different countries, nor that GM, GC, and GW are countries outside the British Commonwealth. However, they are different "DXCC countries" for our hobby to collect. KV4 and KP4 are not strictly foreign to each other, but for DXCC purposes based on past criteria for allowances (i.e., administrative differences) they are separate entities for our DXCC collection.

4) No program is perfect but I can say that the ARRL and its advisory committees are working hard to insure that future vague situations don't create problems. We can not undo inequities which have existed for decades but we can strive to insure that they don't continue to occur. The DXAC is a dedicated group of DXers which does not "bend rules." We are advisory, not adjudicators to the DXCC program. Several persons are involved in a DXAC advisory decision and we represent the DXer as we feel the majority would have us do. We represent NO special interest or pressure group and certainly never a single individual who tends to "bend" the facts himself.

5) (DXAC) has no control over whether or not a person or group can obtain permission to land or operate from a particular place. To delete a country just because certain factions can't get permission to operate is ridiculous! If so, we would be deleting VS9K, BY, XZ, etc. That's the breaks we must contend with in this DXing game we chose to pursue. Let's remember this is supposed to be an enjoyable hobby. To put things in perspective, ask any 1000 people on the street if they know what the ARRL or DXCC or VS9K is. You'll get a lot of wierd looks."

73,

/s/ San Hutson, K5YY (K5QHS)

Chairman, ARRL DX Advisory Committee

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Dear Jim,

This is a response to an unsigned letter appearing in the May 23, 1980 issue of The DX Bulletin.

The DXAC does not "rule"; it serves at the pleasure of the ARRL Board of Directors and makes recommendations to that Board and ARRL Hq. staff. In 1978, the DXAC recommended separate country status for Desecheo on the basis of a DXAC vote on the question of whether or not Desecheo Island met the "distinctively separate administration" criterion of Point 1 of the then-existing DXCC Countries Criteria. This was entirely consistent with previous additions to the ARRL Countries List such as Kingman Reef, Sable Island, and St. Paul Island. There was no "pressure from the ARRL", there are no "glaring inconsistencies", and the ARRL has not "bent the rules". If "the Jones Act of 1917 gives Puerto Rico unequivocal control of its offshore territories, including Desecheo...", why do those who wish to operate from Desecheo request permission of the U. S. Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service? Is it because the latter is a "distinctively separate administration"?

Point 3 of the ARRL DXCC Countries List Criteria refers to separation by a minimum of 75 miles of foreign land. "Foreign" in this context means in the DXCC sense. Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are indeed foreign to each other in the DXCC sense, just as they are separate countries in the DXCC sense. There was discussion in the DXAC as to whether or not Desecheo met Point 3, but the vote taken was on whether or not it met Point 1's "distinctively separate administration."

In January of 1979, the ARRL Board of Directors adopted recommendations of the DXAC, and "distinctively separate administration" was removed from all points of the Criteria, but this change was not retroactively applied. So although Desecheo and others may not meet the current Criteria, they remain on the DXCC Countries List.

73,

Tony Berg

Tony Berg, W1OT
1980 DXAC Vice-chairman
1979 DXAC Chairman

→ **to the Editor**

BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC(Plus West, Central, East Coast Report)/Day of Month

<u>Low Bands</u> FP8HL/7032/03E/25	DA1WA/ HBØ/7009/01E/27	JE3MCC/7018/10E/25 T3LA/7005/09E/26	4Z4DX/7027/00E/25
<u>Africa</u> CN2AQ/21020/03C/23 CT3AB/21301/01W/25 C5ACL/21288/02E/25 D4CBC/14207/04E/25 EA9JG/21026/01E/25 FR7BY/28052/14E/24	DF3NZ/ ST3/21296/00E/25 K5LBU/ STØ/14214/04C/20 K5LBU/ STØ/21275/03E/25 TL8WH/14220/03W/24	TN8AJ/21330/22E/28 TN8AJ/21330/23W/28 ZD8HR/21272/20E/26 ZD8HR/21026/04C/27 ZD8HR/28536/21C/27 3B6CD/14040/13C/28 3B6CD/28572/16C/23	3B8CF/21026/04C/27 5NØDOG/14250/04W/24 5NØDOG/14027/22C/27 5NØPRS/28520/12E/30 6T1YP/14219/05W/24 8Q7AV/14220/13W/23 9U5DS/21295/16W/26
<u>Asia</u> AP2MQ/21295/01C/25 AP5HQ/14211/14W/26 AP5HQ/14222/13C/28 A4XGC/21325/04C/28 HS1AMM/21339/17E/26 HS1AMT/21307/17E/26 JY5ZM/14224/05C/27 OD5FB/14210/03W/24 TA2HIA/14015/04C/24	TA2TAT/14033/02E/29 UD6BR/14223/02E/29 UD6DLJ/21015/15E/27 UK8FAA/21072/05E/30 UG6AI/14205/02E/29 UH8DC/21010/02C/24 UH8BU/21022/03E/28 UI8GAF/21307/03C/24 UJ8BQ/21272/02C/24 UK7LAH/14204/15W/25	UL7MAR/21287/22E/26 UL7MAR/21285/00W/27 UK8MAA/14026/11E/25 UK8MAA/21288/11E/27 UM8MAG/21016/02E/28 VU2KMK/14028/12E/26 VS6AG/14220/14C/24 YI1BGD/14253/05C/23 OE3REB/ YK/14228/04W/24	4S7DA/14212/00C/26 4S7EC/14016/12E/29 9K2DR/21002/03C/24 9M2AR/14202/11W/24 9N1MM/14202/13W/25 9N1MM/21027/12E/27 9V1TL/14059/10C/23 9V1SX/14205/15W/27 9V1TL/14013/10E/29 9V1UH/21296/16C/2
<u>Europe</u> CT2QN/28011/19W/24 C31JE/14017/00E/27 EA6DD/21003/03E/28 F6BFJ/ FC/21295/20E/26	DK1II/ HBØ/21030/16W/26 JW7FD/14220/02W/24 JW2CF/21023/17C/28 M1C/14201/23W/26	G4CPA/ OY/21274/14E/26 SVØAT/14026/04C/24 SVØAW/21339/20E/26 (Crete) UA2FCB/14250/06W/27	UC2AFE/14225/06W/27 3A2EE/14253/06C/23 3A2EE/14265/06W/27 9H1EL/21024/03C/24
<u>Oceania</u> FO8GH/14008/07W/28 KC6PM/14225/12W/24 KC6DC/14219/10E/28 KC6CI/14261/10E/29	KC6JC/14206/10E/30 W6ENK/ KH4/21355/19E/26 KG6JHH/14067/09E/27 P29DI/14230/10E/28	P29BS/14205/10E/30 T2AAA/14225/10E/30 T3LA/21275/02C/25 VK9NV/14027/10E/28 3D6BQ/14201/12E/24	3D2ER/14047/10E/27 3D2NB/14005/06W/28 3D2BM/14216/10E/28
<u>Elsewhere</u> CO2KX/14028/10E/28 CX7AQ/21078/01E/27 D4CBC/14207/05C/25 FB8ZO/14014/12E/28 HKØBKX/21283/03W/24	HP1XYP/21356/00W/26 J6LOU/14260/04C/26 KC4AAA/14214/12E/23 KC4AAA/14266/10E/30 PJ2CC/21355/19E/24	N3AKD/ PJ7/28555/22C/24 VP1BEH/21284/02W/27 N6YK/ VP2A/14034/06C/25	VP2VFL/21299/00W/26 4U1UN/14006/02W/23 4U1UN/14027/10E/29 8P6JB/14201/02W/25 8P6BN/21294/00E/25

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A4XIQ/K2IJL	J6LOU/KA4BOT	SVØAT/AF4B	6W8AR/WB4LFM
C6ACY/K4ZGB	KC4AAA/W6MAB	S79MC/N4NW	8P6BU/WA4WTG
N4CTC/ C6A/N4NJ	W7KEU/ OA8/WB7TAZ	VK9CCT/VK5QX	9G1AP/IØLCJ
EP2TY/JR3WRG	OH2OT/ OHØ/OH3KM	YS9RVE/WAØJYJ	9N1MM (KP2A)/K2UQ
FR7BP/WØAX	P29DP/W7OK	ZB2EO/K3MNW	
HS1AMT/W2TK		ZD8HR/N6HR	
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A Guernsey operation signing GU5AEG by DJ9NX July 18-30 will be CW only on 28033, 21033, 14033, 7003 and 303. QSL direct to Uli Heuberger, DJ9NX, Motzstr. 22, D-1000 Berlin 30, West Germany

Rare prefix HI2 will be the attraction of the Catalina Operation June 21-22 and 28-29 by members of the Dominican Radio Club. The Club offers a certificate to those working all nine HI radio districts. Catalina Is. is 60 miles from the capital city of Santo Domingo; one naval base there is staffed by four men. Look for operation on 160-2 Meters.

WA2TTI/OX will appear again June 10-20; Jerry's operation there May 10-16 produced 884 contacts during poor band conditions. See **I**ssue 36.

Egadi Island expedition by I8KCI/IF9 and I8UDB/IF9 June 10-30 will be SSB only. QSL to Chietti Gennaro, Via Nino Bixio 50, 80125 Napoli ITALY.

Chod Harris, VP2ML/WA1SQB and family have bought a house in Santa Rosa, CA.

Ralph Hirsch, K1RH, 172 Newton Road, Woodbridge CT 06525, has IRCs at 30¢ each. He manages QSLs for VP2ML, VP2SE, VP2MAY(79 only), K9EF and TF3CW.

Publisher's Note: We do not hold out much hope for the photo of W6MUR's property in the advertisement on the next page but we will give it a try. We remember that Hugh Cassidy and the WCDXB went through this, too, which is some small consolation.

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CALENDAR

Greenland	WA2TTI/OX June 10-20; this issue
Egadi Island	I8KCI/IF9 and I8UDB/IF9 June 10-30, this issue
Aland Islands	K5KG/OHØ June 13-20; Issue 39
Senegal	6W8 by W4MGN starts June 20; Issues 39, 40
Gambia	C5ACC by W4MGN starts June 23; Issues 39, 40
All Asia Contest	PHONE, June 21-22
Catalina Operation	June 21, 22 and 28, 29; this issue
Atlanta Hamfestival	June 21-22; this issue
Ivory Coast	TU by W4MGN starts July 3; Issues 39, 40
Dahomey	TY9ER by W4MGN starts July 10; Issues 39, 40
Guernsey	GU5AEG by DJ9NX, July 18-30; P. 1 this issue
National Convention	ARRL, 25 27 July, Seattle Washington

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